

## Timeline of events

Good Morning, my name is Casey Taylor and I reside at 29550 Stillwood Drive, in Shadow Hill off of Connelly Mill. I am the past president of the HOA. As of January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024 I am now the vice president of the HOA.

I wanted to come before the council today to give a recap on the timeline of events that have occurred since finding out about the “Jeep Event” Safari at the Quarry that is taking place on May 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>. This

**September 11, 2023** – Was the first time seeing or hearing anything about this event. I had several homeowner’s reaching out to me regarding the post they saw on FB post about Safari At the Guarry

**September 13, 2023** – I personal reached out to the County Executive’s office regarding this post looking for more information. I left a message and never received a phone call back (See reference #1)

**September 19, 2023** – I spoke the 10am County Council Meeting regarding the HOA concerns and that we were told in 2018 that this site would be used for recreational use such as biking, hiking and kayaking. Not an off road adventure park. Shortly after the council meeting I obtained a copy of the MOU.

**September 22, 2023** – Got a call from County Executive’s office asking if I would be willing to come in for a meeting. (See #1A) A meeting was scheduled for September 28 at the County Executive’s office. There were at least 7 people included in this meeting. Homeowners expressed concerns regarding the MOU and how it did not have the best interest of the homeowner of Shadow Hills or citizens of Wicomico County. We were assured by the County Executive that Brad Hoffman was her friend that she trusted him. (this statement was a Red Flag) After about 20 mins Ms. Girodino excused herself from the meeting

leaving Bunky Luffman to lead the rest of the meeting. I found this to be very unprofessional, as she did not care to hear our concerns. It was conclude at the end of the meeting that we would gather our thoughts and concerns and email them to the County Executive and they would take them into consideration. This email was sent on **October 2, 2023** to the County Executive's office with no response.

**October 17, 2023**- Spoke at County Council meeting regarding the meeting with County Executive.

**October 18, 2023** – Second email was sent asking for an update. The response was “We will be meeting with Livewire in the next couple of weeks to discuss your concerns.”

**November 7, 2023** – Spoke at County Council meeting just to keep them up to date. It was then decide by the council to hold a work session

**December 5, 2023** – A work session was held. I will not go into details as it is very lengthy as the public can view it from the county website. I would like to point out the Mr. Hoffman stated that this event would only be for tagged and licensed vehicles. (Hand out paper) As you can see from the first event on May 4 & 5<sup>th</sup> it does not state this. It does however state it for the next event in July. Also, be mark note of the times listed on the handout.

**January 12, 2024** - Sent an email to asking if there has been any update to the MOU.

**January 16, 2024** – The response back was “NO update has been made to the MOU”.

March 7, 2024 – A certified letter was sent along with an email to Ms. Giordono with an abstract of the MOU. If you would like a copy of this documents please see me after the meeting. The response from Ms.

Giordano was “Thank you for your reply. Please direct all your future correspondence to the County Attorney, Paul Wilber. As her constituent we all have the ever right to communicate with our elected officials. Ms. Giordano is inappropriately using the county attorney at tax payer expense as her proxy. So that she can avoided the concerns of her constituent. Such power of one person in an elected position has shown to be harmful and departmental to Wicomico county citizens. The fact that they are holding these events next door to us is not acceptable. The impact this will have on our community by decreasing property value and environmental concerns are just a few. The County Executive has ignored our request time and time again.

In articles posted on February 5 from Shop Local Delmarva it states “About 2 years ago, Hoffman started securing the site for off-roading adventures, reaching a “memorandum of understanding” with the county as to how specifically the property would be utilized”. On September 1, 2023, the County executive signed into an MOU with Live Wire for less than one year (364 days), so she would not have to get community input. Between the times the county Executive took office and Sept 1, 2023 (when the MOU was signed) the county executive had more than 9 months to reach out to the surrounding community. This was more than ample time to alert the people that would be affect the most the stakeholders, not just jeep clubs and off road enthusiast who do not live in Delmar.

Acknowledge, the homeowner in the room today

As you can see from this timeline there have been many attempts made to Ms. Giordono and she has dismissed them.

